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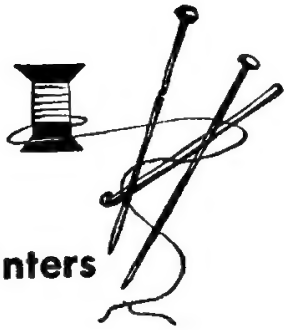

Needle Pointers

Keep a large tray near the ironing board to hold socks, handkerchiefs, napkins, etc. Then one trip to drawers and shelves will be all that's necessary.

A travel kit introduced this fall weighs only 10 ounces. Made of vinyl it has unbreakable fittings. Contains a toothbrush holder, utility bottle, atomizer, soap dish, jars, travel suds and lingerie clips.

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New plastic pulls help make your window shades completely washable. The pulls are available in several colors.

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Lattice Lace

(As Shown on Cover)

ALTERNATE STRIPS of openwork lace and embossed diamonds are easy to knit and sew together to make this beautiful afghan. It measures about 45 x 66 inches (excluding fringe). The model was made from Coats & Clark's Red Heart Knitting Worsted, 4-ply. It takes nine 4-ounce skeins and one pair of number 10½ knitting needles, also an aluminum or plastic crochet hook, size G.

Abbreviations:

sts (stitches)	O (yarn over)
p (purl)	tog (together)
k (knit)	sl (slip)
lp (loop)	sc (single crochet)
psso (pass slipped stitch over)	sl st (slip stitch)
	ch (chain)

Gauge: Strip 1 (embossed diamonds) —35 sts equal 8 inches, 12 rows equal 2¼ inches.

Strip 2 (openwork lace)—35 sts equal 10½ inches, 12 rows equal 2¼ inches.

Strip 1 (make 3)—Starting at narrow edge, cast on 35 sts.

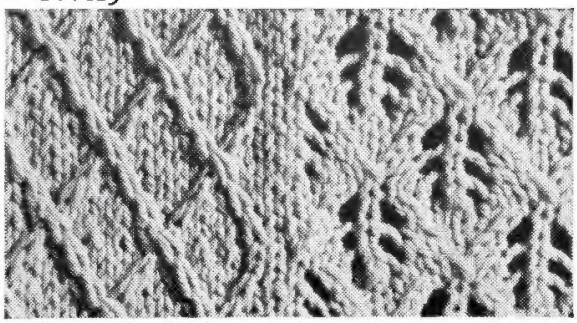
Row 1: K across.

Row 2 (wrong side): P 2, with yarn in front sl 1 st as if to p, (p 5, sl 1, p 1, sl 1) 3 times, p 5, sl 1, p 2.

Row 3: K 2, (make a left-cross st —to make a left-cross st: k in back lp of second st on left-hand needle, then k in front lp of first st, drop these 2 sts off left-hand needle, k 3, make a right-cross st—to make a right-cross st: k in front lp of second st on left hand needle, then k in front lp of first st, drop these 2 sts off left hand needle, k 1) 3 times, make a left-cross st, k 3, make a right-cross st, k 2.

Row 4: P 3, (sl 1, p 3) 8 times.

Row 5: K 3, (make left-cross st, k 1, make a right-cross st, k 3) 4 times.



Row 6: P 4, (sl 1, p 1, sl 1, p 5) 3 times, sl 1, p 1, sl 1, p 4.

Row 7: K 4, (make a cable-twist —to make a cable-twist: sl 1 st onto spare needle and hold in front of work, make a right-cross st, k st from spare needle, k 5) 3 times, make a cable-twist, k 4.

Row 8: Repeat 6th row.

Row 9: K 3, (make a right-cross st, k 1, make a left-cross st, k 3) 4 times.

Row 10: Repeat row 4.

Row 11: K 2, (make a right-cross st, k 3, make a left-cross st, k 1) 3 times, make a right-cross st, k 3, make a left-cross st, k 2.

Row 12: Repeat row 2.

Row 13: K 8, (make a cable-twist, k 5) twice, make a cable-twist, k 8.

Row 14: Repeat row 2. Repeat the third to 14th rows inclusive for pattern. Work in pattern until total length is about 66 inches, ending with 12th row. Bind off.

Strip 2 (make 2) — Starting at narrow edge, cast on 35 sts.

Row 1: K 2, (O, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 3, k 2 tog, O, k 1) 3 times, O, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 3, k 2 tog, O, k 2—35 sts, counting each O as 1 st.

Row 2 and all even rows: P 35 sts.

Row 3: K 2, (O, k 1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 1, k 2 tog, k 1, O, k 1) 3 times, O, k 1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 1, k 2 tog, k 1, O, k 2.

Row 5: K 2, (O, k 2, sl 1, k 2

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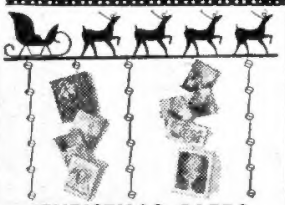

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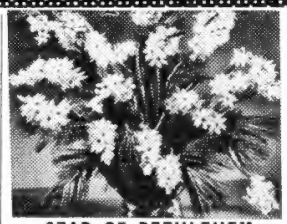

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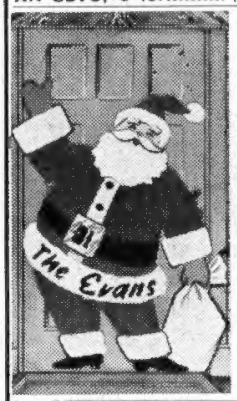

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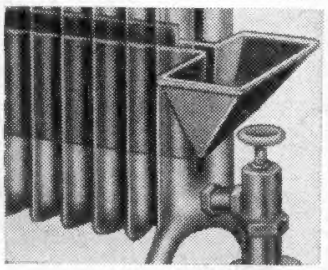

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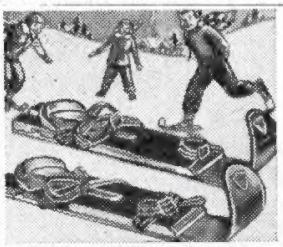

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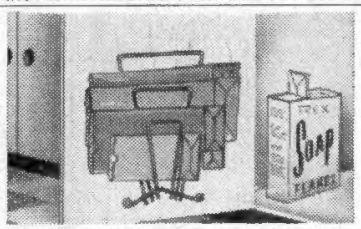

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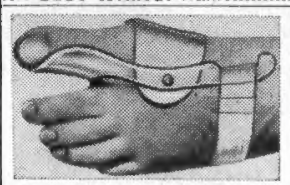

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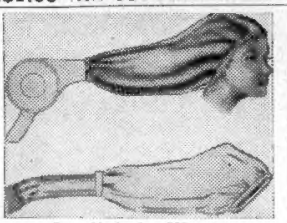

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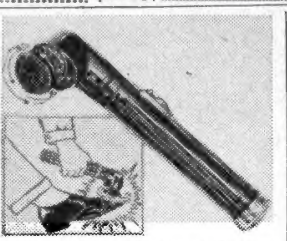

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tog, psso, k 2, O, k 1) 3 times, O, k 2, sl 1, k 2 tog, psso, k 2, O, k 2.

Row 7: (K 3, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, psso) 4 times, k 3.

Row 9: K 2, k 2 tog, k 1, (O, k 1, O, k 1, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 1, k 2 tog, k 1) 3 times, (O, k 1) twice, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 2.

Row 11: K 1, k 2 tog, k 2, (O, k 1, O, k 2, sl 1, k 2 tog, psso, k 2) 3 times, O, k 1, O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 1.

Row 12: Repeat second row. Repeat these 12 rows for pattern. Work in pattern until piece measures about 66 inches, ending with 12th row. Bind off as follows: Bind off 2 sts, sl st from right-hand needle back onto left-hand needle, k 1 (ch 1 made), * sl 1, k 1, psso, pass the ch 1 over st just made, bind off 3 sts, k 2 tog, pass the previous st over st just made, ch 1, bind off 1 st, ch 1. Repeat from * across, ending with ch 1, bind off last 2 sts.

Sew strips neatly together lengthwise, alternating patterns.

Border—With right side facing, join yarn and sc closely around, making 3 sc in each corner. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Fringe—Cut 6 strands of yarn each 16 inches long (for one fringe). Double the strands to form a lp. Insert crochet hook through st at edge of afghan and draw lp through. Pull loose ends down tight to make a knot. Make 23 fringes evenly across both narrow edges. Trim ends evenly.

Tatted Insertion and Edging

USE THIS DECORATIVE set together for a lovely addition to any towel, scarf or pillow slip. When used separately they also give that special touch to your linens. You will need one shuttle and ball.

Abbreviations:

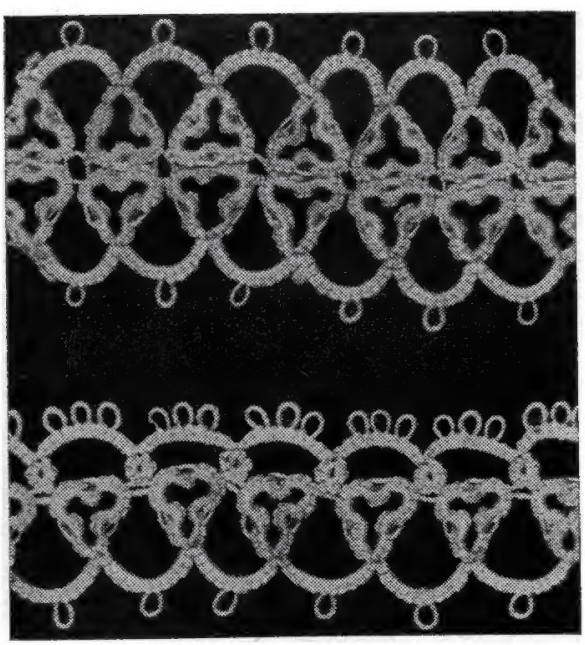
r (ring)	rw (reverse work)
ds (double stitch)	cl r (close ring)
p (picot)	ch (chain)

sep (separated)

Insertion:

Row 1: R of (3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, p) twice, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, cl r, rw. Tie ball thread to shuttle thread, * ch 6 ds, p, 6 ds, rw. R of 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, join to p of last r, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, p, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, cl r, rw. Repeat from * for length desired. Tie and cut threads.

Row 2: R of 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, join to first p of previous row, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds,



join to small p, 3 ds, join to next joining p of previous row, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, cl r, rw. With ball and shuttle threads, * ch 6 ds, p, 6 ds, rw. R of 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, join to same joining p of previous

row, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, join to next joining p of previous row, 3 ds, small p, 4 ds, join to small p, 3 ds, cl r, rw. Repeat from * along length of previous row. Tie and cut threads.

Edging:

Row 1: Repeat row 1 of insertion.

Row 2: R of 3 ds, join to first p of previous row, 3 ds, cl r, rw. With ball and shuttle threads, * ch 3 ds, 3 p sep by 2 ds, 3 ds, rw. R of 3 ds, join to next joining p of previous row, 3 ds, cl r, rw. Repeat from * along length of previous row. Tie and cut threads.

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Abbreviations:

k (knit)	st (stitch)
p (purl)	tog (together)
dec (decrease)	inc (increase)

Cast on 60 sts for the lower edge of back. K each row (garter st) for 9 rows, increasing 1 st at the beginning of each row. To make an inc: k into front and then into back of st before slipping st from needle.

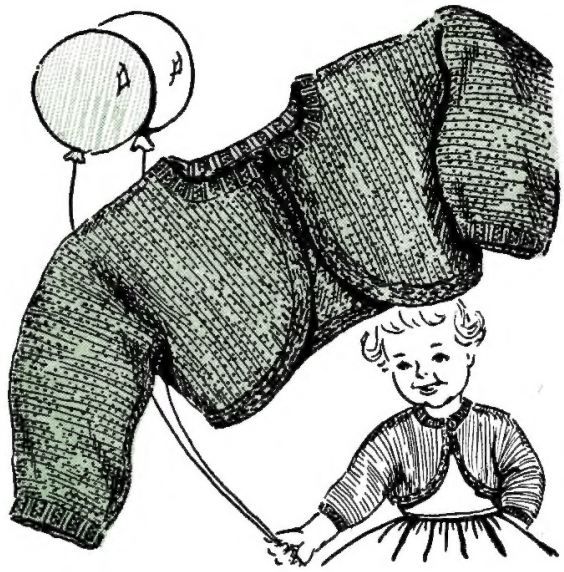
Row 10: Inc 1 st and p across row. This row is the beginning of the stockinette st.

Continue working in stockinette st for 16 rows, always inc 1 st at the beginning of each row.

Next 2 rows: Cast on 5 sts at beginning of row, then work across row in stockinette st.

Next 2 rows: Cast on 4 sts at beginning of row, then work across row in stockinette st.

Next 2 rows: Cast on 15 sts at beginning of row, work in stockinette st across row.



Next 2 rows: Cast on 20 sts at beginning of row, work in stockinette st across row (174 sts in all).

Work in stockinette st for 34 rows. K 75 sts, place on st holder, cast off 24 sts for neck edge, k 75 sts. Continue working in stockinette st making a k 2 tog at neck edge at the beginning of 3 rows. Now work even in stockinette st for 12 rows. You are now ready to start making inc 9 to form curve at front of neck edge. Inc 1 st at neck edge in 3 rows. Now cast on 12 sts at neck edge. Work even in stockinette st for 20 rows.

You are now ready to start casting off at beginning of row at sleeve edge. Working in stockinette st, cast off 20 sts. Cast off 15 sts at beginning of sleeve edge again. Next, cast off 4 sts at beginning of sleeve edge. Then, cast off 5 sts at beginning of sleeve edge. Form armhole by working in stockinette st for 16 rows, dec 1 st (to dec: k 2 tog) at beginning of every other row (at armhole edge). Also start form-

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ing bolero curve at front by making a k 2 tog at front edge every other row.

Garter st along front: Pick up 32 sts along center front, work in garter st (k each row) until there are the same number of ridges as for back. Bind off.

Now pick up sts from stitch holder and work in same manner as for other side.

Neck Edge: Pick up 94 sts at neck edge. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for ½-inch. Bind off loosely.

Arm Edge: Pick up 40 sts at arm edge. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for ½-inch. Bind off loosely. Repeat for opposite arm.

Turn bolero wrong side out and sew seam or sc together.

Make a chain loop at top of right side for buttonhole loop. Sew a button to left side.

Ribbon Trimmed Bib

A SIMPLE LITTLE item sometimes turns out to be bigger than itself in usefulness. This bib is crocheted in grouped stitches to form an interesting pattern. Woven completely around, a pretty ribbon ties in a bow at the lower corner. The model was made from one skein of Coats & Clark's Red Heart Nylon Pompadour, 3-ply; use a plastic crochet hook number 3. It takes about 1½ yards of narrow ribbon and a small button to complete the bib.

Abbreviations:

sts (stitches)	sp (space)
ch (chain)	dec (decrease)
sc (single crochet)	inc (increase)
sk (skip)	sl st (slip stitch)

Gauge: 3 group sts make 1 inch.
5 rows make 1 inch.

Starting at lower edge, ch 42 loosely to measure 7 inches.

Row 1: Sc in 4th ch from hook (half group st made), * sk 1 ch,

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Trimmed Bib

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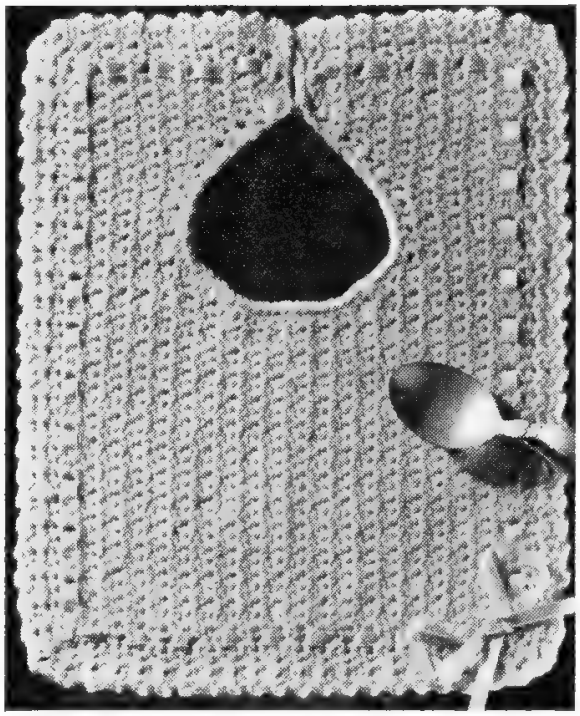
in next ch make (sc, ch 2 and sc) —group st made, repeat from * across (19½ group sts), ch 3, turn.



Row 2: Sc in first ch 2 sp, * group st in next ch 2 sp, repeat from * across, ending with group st in half group st (19½ group sts), ch 3, turn.

Repeat second row until piece measures 4¾ inches, ch 3, turn.

To Shape Neck—Row 1: Work same as second row until there are 7½ group sts, 2 sc in each of next 4 group sts (front of neck), work 8 group sts, ch 3, turn.

Now work over the last set of group sts only as follows: Row 2: Work until there are 6½ group sts, sc in next group st (a dec made), ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Sc in first ch 2 sp, group st in next 6 group sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 4: Work until there are 4½ group sts, sc in next group st, ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Sc in first ch 2 sp, group st in next 4 group sts, ch 3, turn.

Rows 6 through 10: Work in pattern (4½ group sts), ch 3, turn.

Row 11: Group st in first ch 2 sp (an inc), group st in each remaining group st (5 group sts), ch 3, turn.

Row 12: Work in pattern, ending with group st in turning ch 3 (an inc—5½ group sts), ch 3, turn.

Rows 13 through 18: Repeat 11th and 12th rows (8½ group sts at end of 18th row), ch 3, turn.

Rows 19 and 20: Work in pattern (8½ group sts). Fasten off (back of neck). Join yarn in ch 2 sp of next group st beyond front of neck, ch 1, sc in same place, group st in next group st and complete row, ch 3, turn. Work to correspond with other side. Fasten off.

Edging—Row 1: Join yarn to first ch 2 sp at back of neck, ch 1, 2 sc in same place and in each ch 2 sp along last row to corner, in corner ch 3 sp make (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc), 2 sc in turning ch of every other row along long edge to corner, in corner make (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc), 2 sc in base of each group st along lower edge, work remainder of piece to correspond, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Group st in next sc, * sk 1 sc, group st in next sc. Repeat from * around, making a group st in each corner ch 2 sp, ch 3, turn.

Rows 3, 4: Group st in each group st around, ch 3, turn. At end of 4th row, omit turning ch, do not turn but work sc evenly to neck edge, ch 5 for buttonloop, sc in same place as last sc, sc along remainder of neck edge, ch 1, turn and work sl st loosely in each sc. Fasten off.

Run ribbon through eyelets formed by first row of edging. Make a bow at lower left corner. Sew on button to correspond with buttonloop.

Oscar The Owl

ONE SKEIN EACH of beige and dark brown Coats & Clark's Red Heart 4-ply Knitting Worsted was used in making this toy in crochet. Use plastic crochet hooks numbers 5 and 7. Scraps of orange, pink, black, beige and white felt will be needed for added trim, also cotton batting for stuffing.

Abbreviations:

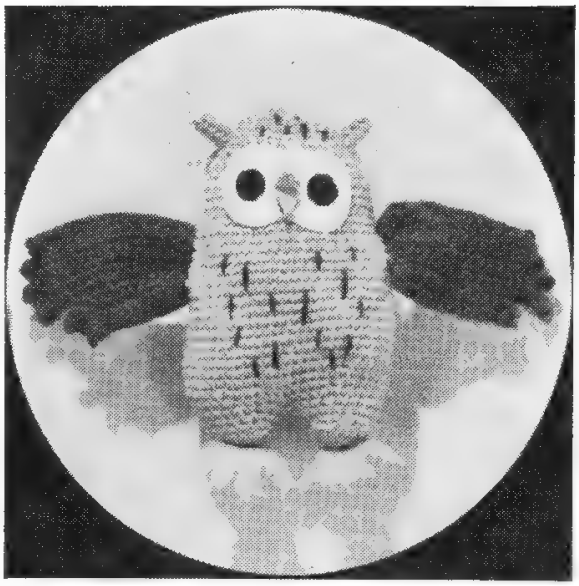
ch (chain)	st (stitch)
sc (single crochet)	rnd (round)
sl st (slip stitch)	inc (increase)
sp (space)	dec (decrease)

Gauge: 5 sc make 1 inch
5 rnds make 1 inch.

Body—Starting at top of head with beige and number 5 hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in second ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc).



Rnd 3: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc (1 sc inc), repeat from * around (18 sc).

Rnd 4: * Sc in each of next 2

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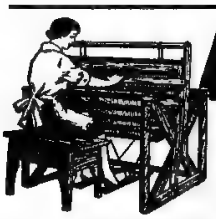
Mildred Kenney



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Mildred Hughes

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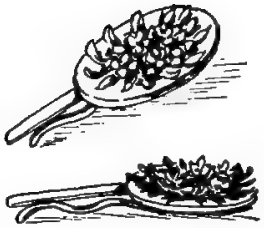

Decorative Bobby Pins

Decorated bobby pins have furnished a nice addition to my income. The supplies needed are a package of bobby pins, a tube of glue, a few tropical sea shells and a package of round plastic discs. Make several vari-colored flowers from the shells. Glue the shells to the plastic discs and the discs to the bobby pins. They are very pretty when completed and sell easily at 50c each.

Mrs. Bessie Cary

Wash Cloth Shoes

I buy wash cloths in bundles of one dozen, making sure that the colors are in pairs. I fold each cloth once and sew the ends together, leaving about 1½ inches open at the top edge. I fold this edge back and stitch around, about ½-inch from the top. I put elastic through the seam to keep the shoes on the foot and sew a bow of matching or contrasting ribbon on front of shoes. For men's shoes I stitch rickrack around the top and leave off the ribbon. These sell for 75c to $1.25, depending on the quality of wash cloths used. Packaged in plastic bags, they make a very saleable item.

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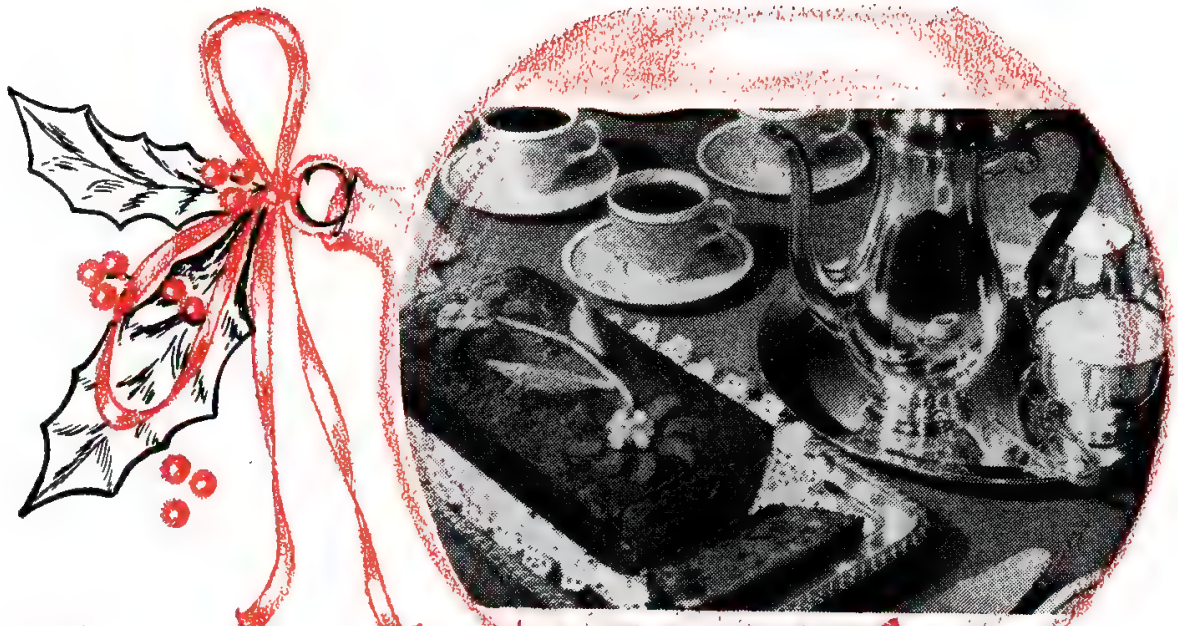

Christmas Dinner Menus

The happiest, most cheerful time of the year is with us again. The holiday foods are so special and so appreciated that no homemaker minds spending extra hours in the kitchen baking and fixing them. The special food is a major part of the very spirit of Christmas.

Christmas dinner is the spotlight of all the weeks, or months, of preparation. To help keep it relatively simple but justly elegant, serve soup as a first course in the living room. Make this a thin soup that can be served in cups. Serve some assorted crackers and your soup course will be a specialty in itself and a just prelude to the dinner.

Fowl is the usual choice of meat for this dinner-of-the-year. Nothing is a more mouth watering sight than a browned-to-perfection turkey or a brace of duckling just as perfectly roasted. The house is filled with the aroma of spices and seasonings that make the dressing, the vegetables, the salads and the desserts the very best of the whole year. Make the food a part of the Christmas decorations. Serve cranberry relish in the shape of a Christmas tree. Make a cranberry salad; mold it in a cone shape and decorate it as a Christmas tree. Desserts are, of course, an almost never ending source of pleasure in appearance and in eating. This is one time when everyone enjoys a choice of desserts or a little of each.

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Christmas Dinner

Beef Broth—Apple Soup
Turkey Sausage Stuffing
Whipped Potatoes
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Coffee

Christmas Dinner

Tomato—Consomme'
Roast Duckling Fruit Stuffing
Baked Sweet Potatoes

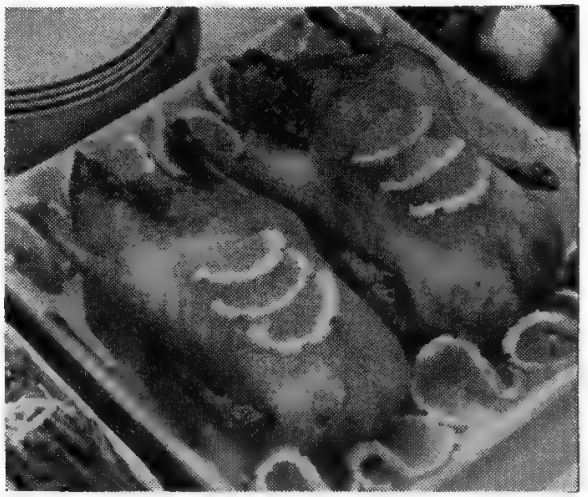
Green Beans Amondine
Christmas Tree Salad
Butterscotch Pecan Rolls Butter
Mincemeat Baked Alaska and
Merry Christmas Pie
Coffee

Beef Broth—Apple Soup

Heat together 6 cans of condensed beef broth, a quart of apple juice and ½ teaspoon ground cloves. Serve hot in mugs or big cups. Serves 8 to 10.

Tomato-Consommé

Heat together 2 soup cans tomato juice and 2 cans condensed consomme'. Serve hot in cups. Serves 6.



Fruit stuffing is a perfect companion for roast duckling. The moist dark meat of duck is a delicious Christmas entree.

Fruit Stuffing for Duckling

- 3 cups toasted bread cubes
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons water
- ½ cup peeled and diced orange
- ½ cup cubed apples
- ¼ cup raisins

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Pack lightly into body and neck cavities of duckling. Truss with needle and string or trussing pins and string. Makes 3½ to 4 cups stuffing. Enough for one duckling.

Sausage Stuffing

- 1 pound pork sausage meat
- 4 large tart apples
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup milk
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 8 cups bread cubes (2 pound loaf bread)

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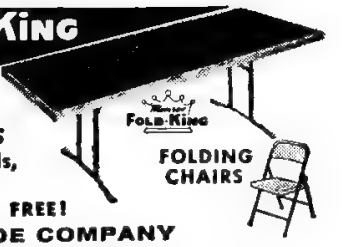

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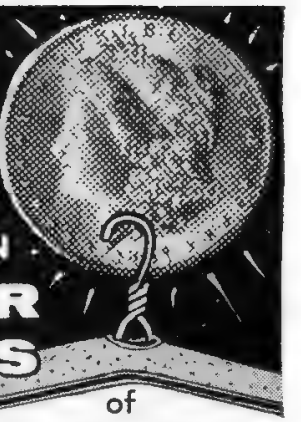

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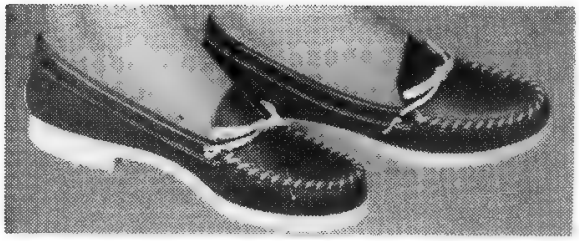

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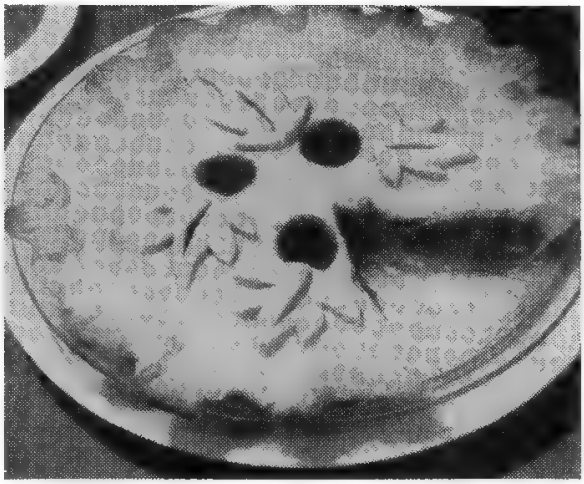

Merry Christmas Pie is very fitting of its name. It is delicious and a pleasant change in the Christmas menu.

Merry Christmas Pie

Crust:

- **2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour**
- **1 teaspoon salt**
- **⅔ cup lard**
- **¼ cup water**

Combine flour and salt. Add lard and blend with pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Measure water right from the tap and add all at once to flour mixture. Press dough with knife until dough just holds together. Form into 2 balls. Roll out bottom crust and fit into 1-inch pie pan.

Cranberry-Applesauce Filling:

- **1 (10½-ounce) package frozen cranberry-orange relish**
- **1 (number 303) can applesauce**
- **1 cup sugar**
- **2 tablespoons cornstarch**
- **½ cup water**

Thaw cranberry-orange relish and combine with applesauce and sugar. Mix cornstarch and water and stir into fruit mixture. Pour into a pastry-lined 9-inch pie pan. Roll out top crust and place over filling; trim and crimp edges. Cut circles in top to allow steam to escape. Bake in a 425°F. oven 25 to 30 minutes, until crust is browned. From leftover pastry, cut leaves and bake on cooky sheet until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Just before serving, place leaves on top crust.

Magic Fruit Cake

(As Shown On Page 16)

- **1 (9-ounce) package mincemeat**
- **½ cup water**
- **1 cup walnut meats, coarsely chopped**
- **¾ cup (2 3-ounce cans) mixed candied fruit coarsely chopped**
- **1⅓ cups (15-ounce can) sweetened condensed milk**
- **1 egg, beaten**
- **¾ cup flour**
- **½ teaspoon baking soda**

Break mincemeat into small pieces; place in 2-quart saucepan. Add water. Place over medium heat and stir until lumps are thoroughly broken. Boil briskly one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool. Add nuts, candied fruit, sweetened condensed milk and egg; blend well. Stir in flour and baking soda, until just blended. Pour mixture into 9x4x3-inch loaf pan which has been greased, waxed-paper-lined and greased again. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 1 hour and 30 minutes or until center springs back when lightly touched with finger and top is golden brown.

Holiday Salad Mold

- **1 pound cranberries**
- **2 cups sugar**
- **1 tablespoon water**
- **1½ teaspoons grated orange rind**
- **2 cups cottage cheese**
- **½ cup whipping cream, whipped**

Pick over cranberries, discarding any imperfect ones; wash. Chop cranberries fine, add sugar and water, cover and cook slowly until well done (10 to 15 minutes). Add grated orange rind, mix well. Turn into a ring mold. Chill in refrigerator until firm. Unmold on a large flat plate. Fill center with cottage cheese into which has been folded the stiffly whipped cream. Garnish with 1-inch thick half slices of orange. Serves 8.

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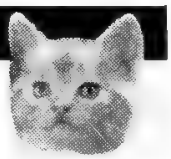

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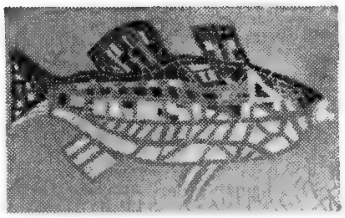

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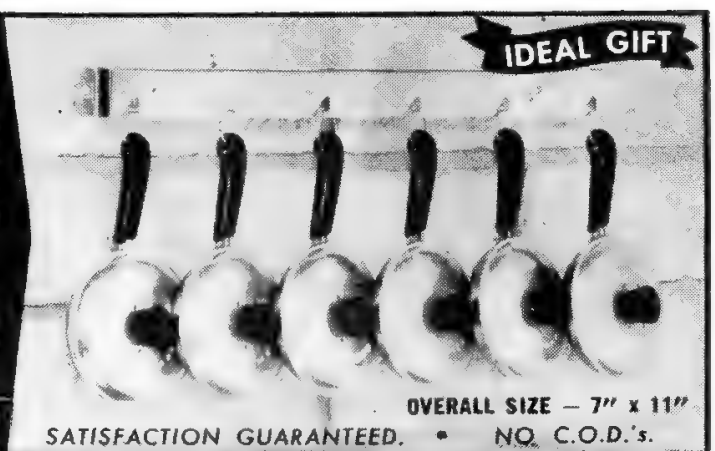

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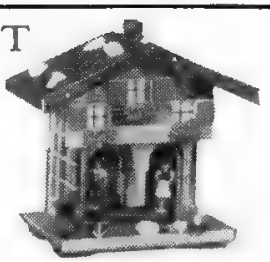

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½ cup grated cheddar cheese

Cook frozen asparagus spears in small amount of salted water just until tender. Drain and turn asparagus into small greased casserole. Add enough evaporated milk to liquid to make ½ cup for sauce. Melt butter or margarine in saucepan and saute' the minced onion in it. Stir in flour and seasonings and then add milk and vegetable liquid combination. Cook over low heat, stir until thickened. Blend grated cheese into sauce. Pour sauce over asparagus leaving asparagus ends exposed. Sprinkle with paprika and bake in 400°F. oven 10 minutes. Serves 4.

Mincemeat Baked Alaska

1 pint vanilla ice cream
½ cup prepared mince meat
3 egg whites
⅓ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon vanilla
1 (8-inch) yellow or white cake layer

Soften ice cream slightly and fold in mincemeat. Line a shallow (7-inch) skillet or saucepan with waxed paper; allow paper to extend above sides of pan. Pack mincemeat-ice cream into pan and freeze until ice cream is firm. When ready to serve; beat egg whites until foamy, but not stiff. Add sugar gradually, beating after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is shiny and holds stiff peaks. Blend in vanilla. Remove ice cream from pan by lifting paper. Turn ice cream onto cake; remove paper and cover cake and ice cream with meringue. Bake in 450°F. oven five minutes, or until lightly browned. Serve immediately. Serves 8.

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- ½ 3-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon milk

Put oranges and cranberries through food chopper. Add sugar and mix well. Sprinkle gelatin over 1 cup of the cranberry juice cocktail to soften; dissolve thoroughly over boiling water. Add remaining cranberry juice cocktail; stir into orange cranberry relish. Turn into a 9x9x2-inch pan or a 5-cup Christmas tree shaped pan. Chill until firm. To serve, unmold on platter. For square mold, cut paper pattern of Christmas tree; place on gelatin; cut around pattern with knife. Remove gelatin which has been cut away from tree design. Reserve for later use. Soften cream cheese with milk; put through pastry tube in rows of scallops to represent garlands. Serves 12.

Nesselrode Pie

CRUST

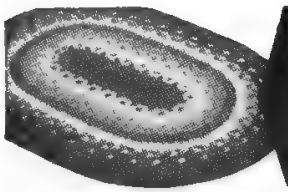
- 1¼ cups fine chocolate wafer crumbs
- ⅓ cup melted butter

Blend crumbs and butter, then press into 9-inch pie pan. Pat down well. Chill until set, at least one hour. You will need two of these for the filling recipe.

FILLING

- 2 tablespoons plain gelatin
- 1 cup cold milk
- 2 cups milk
- ⅔ cup sugar
- 5 egg yolks
- ½ cup raisins
- ¼ cup finely chopped almonds
- ½ cup mixed candied fruit
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 5 egg whites
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- maraschino cherries for garnish
- whipped cream

Soak gelatin in the cold milk. Scald the 2 cups of milk in the top of a double boiler. Add the sugar. Beat egg yolks well and add a little of the hot mixture to them, then combine two mixtures and cook, stirring constantly for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the gelatin. Add raisins, nuts and fruit and cool until slightly set. Add vanilla. Beat egg whites with salt until stiff but not dry. Fold into the cooled mixture. Divide evenly and pile into 2 chocolate crumb crusts. Chill until firm. Garnish with whipped cream and cherries. Serves 12.



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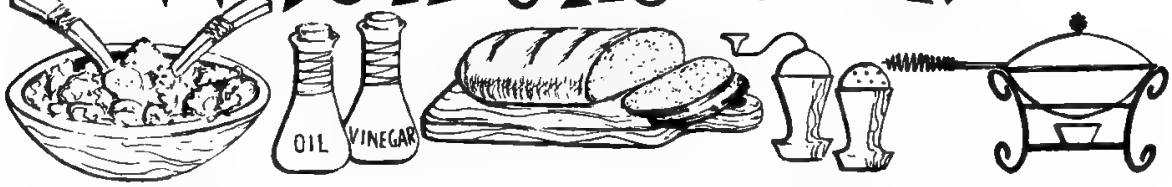

Baked Date Pudding

- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon butter
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup dates, cut up

Cream brown sugar and butter. Sift flour, cinnamon and baking powder, add to creamed mixture, alternately with the milk. Add nuts, dates and vanilla.

Drop dough mixture into the hot sauce placed in a baking pan, spooning it in a tablespoonful at a time and bake about 35 minutes in a moderate 350° oven.

Cool and serve with milk or light cream. Serves 4-5.

Sauce:

- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1½ cups water
- 1 teaspoon butter

Mix and boil three minutes.

Mrs. H. Poulsen

Little Hickory Colonels

- 1½ cups chopped hickory nuts
- 1 egg
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons flour

Beat egg, sugar, and vanilla until thick. Add gradually the chopped hickory nuts and the flour. Drop by teaspoonsful onto greased cooky sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake in a 350° oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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Green Bean Casserole

- 1 can beans (or equivalent in fresh cooked beans)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 tablespoons finely minced onion
- 4 (individual) squares butter
- salt and pepper to taste
- ¾ cup finely crushed cheese crackers

Drain beans, reserve liquid. Put a layer of beans in lightly buttered casserole, spread half of the mushroom soup over beans, sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper, and half of the minced onions. Dot with half the butter, and sprinkle half the cracker crumbs over it. Put remaining beans over this, and repeat as for first layer. Lastly pour ¾ of the bean liquid over this. Bake for about ½ hour, or until top is browned.

Mrs. Alma R. Miller

Cherry Delight

First part:

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup water
- pinch of salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 heaping teaspoon butter

Second part:

- 1 can cherries No. 2 including juice
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter

Mix a batter of the first part and put into a greased baking dish.

Mix second part, and pour over the batter. Bake in a moderate oven 30 minutes. Batter will bake through cherries and be on top.

Mrs. Mary E. Lord

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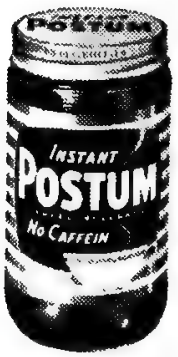

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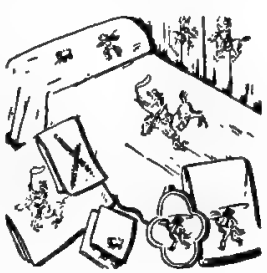
These designs can be transferred to material either by tracing with carbon paper or by placing the design (red side down) on the material and pressing with a hot iron. To determine the amount of heat needed, cut any small design and place on a piece of material you plan to use, then place paper or tissue on top of design.

Heat iron very hot but safely below scorching. Press, moving iron constantly over entire paper surface to distribute heat evenly. The design comes off easily but slowly. If iron is at proper temperature several seconds are required; if not hot enough, it may take a minute or more to get a good design. The design comes off faint at first; press until clear as desired. Additional designs come off more quickly if made before pattern cools off.

When experiments with any of the small designs are satisfactory, cut out design as desired, pin or baste in place. Many fabrics contain filler that scorches easily, some are synthetic, both must be treated carefully and protected above design with tissue, heavier paper or cloth.



The Western motifs are particularly suited to use in children's rooms on drapes and bedspreads, or in a den or recreation room. Outline horse in dark brown with a light brown saddle. Use gold thread for the harness and spurs, yellow for the straw hat, blue for jeans and red or green for the sweater. Make rope brown.

The old Southern hospitality man would be fine on kitchen towels, pan holders, or place mats. Work face in satin and outline stitch using black thread. The hair may be done in white. Outline the dish in gold and the suit in purple or a color which contrasts to your kitchen.

There are a number of ways in which to use the star design—on guest towels, scarfs, blouses. However, it also makes an excellent

pattern for Christmas decorations. Trace design on gold foil paper, cut out and fold on all the lines, the longest line being the top, so that the star stands out in relief when opened. Add a speck of paste or a folded piece of transparent tape to one side and use for a wall decoration. Also, you might try adding a few on the next Christmas package you wrap.

Use the roses individually or in groups—on cottage curtains, sleep wear, blouses or collars. Satin stitch is most effective but you may outline if you wish. Use pink thread for roses, two shades of green for leaves and stem, or do the stem in brown.

A lucky symbol, the four leafed clover makes a dainty decoration for handkerchief corners. Use satin stitch and, of course, work in green thread.

Group the small trivet designs together for an effective wall hanging, or frame for a picture. Outlined in black on tan crash, it makes an attractive addition for Early American decor. Use either in your own home or give to a friend. Of course, they can also be used for towels, place mats, napkins, etc.

The feather motif is very effective worked in gold thread on terry cloth bath towels and wash cloths, with the feathers crossed as shown in sketch.

The small gothic motif has many uses. For example, scarfs, handkerchiefs, blouses or, as shown in sketch, on the pocket of a man's robe; work in satin stitch. Red on maroon or light green on darker green is particularly attractive.

Repeat the cutwork waterlily for a tablecloth or use singly for pillowslips. Another effective design for pillowslips, dresser scarfs, etc., is the flower and butterfly motif. Or use the butterflies alone on guest towels and scarfs.

Group the tulips and lilies-of-the-valley together or use them singly, as you wish, on tablecloths, place mats, scarfs, blouses and skirts. Outline tulip in pastel color, green leaves and white lilies with green leaves on a pastel cloth.

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Flower and Garden Forum

I had some cotton seed and planted it in a pot to see if it would grow. It now has five leaves. Can this be grown as a house plant or should it be planted outside? Mrs. C. F. K., Indiana

Cotton can be, but seldom is, grown as an ornamental pot plant. It would be preferable to set the cotton plant in the ground in full sun after all danger of frost is past. In the garden, the plant would have a growing season long enough to flower and produce cotton.

I have both asparagus and bay finger ferns. Both sprout new shoots, then turn brown. Can you tell me how to prevent this? They are in a rich soil with humus and sand added. Would larger pots help? Mrs. S. B., Kansas

Both asparagus and Pteris ferns require more humidity than is usually found in the home. The dry air causes browning of the leaves. If the ferns were placed over a pan of water with a cylinder of polyethylene around them to keep humidity around the foliage, or if they were placed in a terrarium, the leaves would probably develop properly.

We have an angel wing begonia and it has never bloomed? It is now about 2 feet tall. Why won't it bloom? Mrs. C. B., Nebraska

Fibrous begonias which include the Rubra group to which angel wings belong should bloom at intervals the year around if given ample light. Give the plant an east or west window in summer and a south window in winter. Keep the soil moist but not soggy at all times. When the plant becomes pot-bound it should bloom under the above conditions.

What causes little balls of wax to form on stems and leaves of my sultana? The buds drop off before they open. What can I do about it? A. E., Missouri

The wax-like substance on the sultana is called honeydew. It is secreted by insects, usually by aphids. Scale or white flies might also be the source of the honeydew. Regardless of the insect involved, the wax like substance indicates that spraying is needed. Spray the sultana with Malathion 55% emulsion used at the rate of 1 teaspoonful per gallon.

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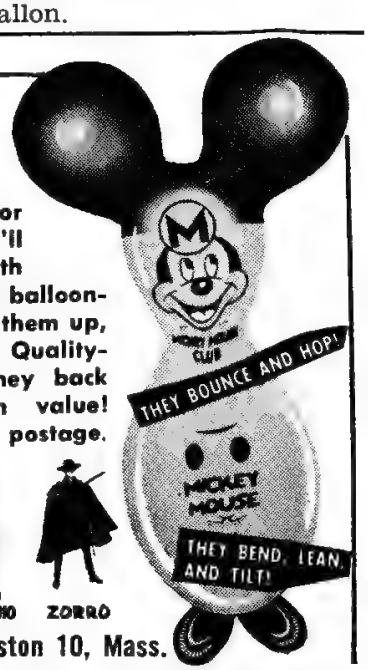

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Why do the bottom leaves of my geraniums turn yellow and drop off? Mrs. R. McA., South Carolina

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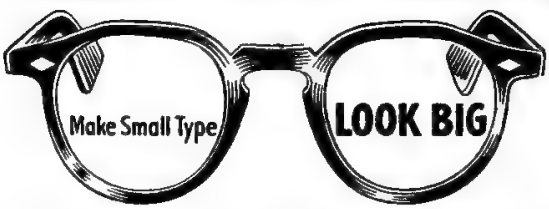

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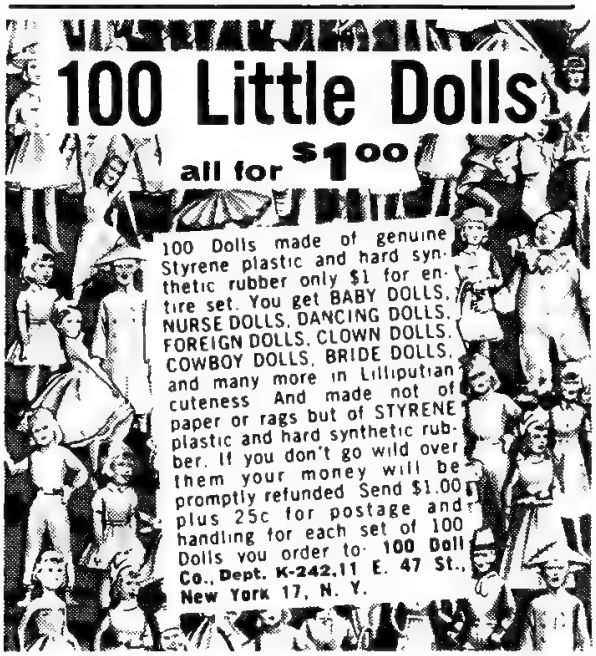

Christmas Cactus

Bernice Brilmayer

One of my most delightful Christmas gifts, given to me two years ago, was an arrangement of home-grown flowers in a low, ceramic bowl. Among the other blooms was the prettiest Christmas cactus I have ever seen. The brilliant, waxy-red

petals fluted out from the stem into a three-tiered hoop skirt. Even after the arrangement finally faded I couldn't bear to discard the leaf stems to which these charmers had been attached. So I set them aside in a tumbler of water until I could decide what to do with them.

Several days later I needed to use the tumbler. To my surprise, I found long white roots had formed. This sent me straight to my gardening books.

What kind of soil should they be potted in? Somewhat sandy, said the authorities, but not nearly so arid as soil for a true cactus. Actually, I used the standard houseplant mixture of equal parts garden loam, humus and sharp sand. By May the rooted cuttings were outgrowing a 2-inch pot and crying for more space.

Summer care was, of course, no problem. All but the most delicate houseplants will profit by fresh air from open windows or by vacation-

ing outdoors in a protected spot. I made sure the Christmas cactus would get full southern sun which it seemed to soak up until the days shortened, the air cooled and the plants moved back indoors for the winter.

Now, something warned me to go back to my gardening books. There I found the answer to that vexing question—why won't these plants bloom? Like poinsettias and other winter - flowerers, the Christmas cactus is geared to sending out flowers only at the time of year when daylight hours are short and the dark is long. "Short-day plant" is the term. In a south window of the guest bedroom where lamp light seldom reached it after dark, my Christmas cactus bloomed again last December.

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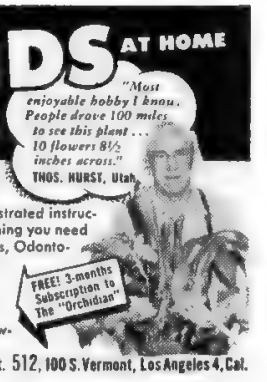

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Christmas Poinsettias

Bernice Brilmayer

Those gorgeous, brilliant, breathtaking poinsettias! How do you care for them when they come into your house at Christmastime? How do you keep them fresh and lovely? The answer is not some sort of secret magic, but only a small investment of time and trouble.

Poinsettias are grown in greenhouses where the air is warm and humid. Most houses are also warm in winter (except for occasional chill drafts from opening doors). However, humid they are not. Give your poinsettia some extra humidity from twice daily spraying or misting, and see how well it holds its leaves. Or set it on wet gravel in a pan or tray so the water can evaporate up and around it.

When professional growers water poinsettias, they water well—so the water drips down through the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot. You can do the same. And watering is not done by time schedule, but according to the plant's needs. Feel the soil with your fingers. If it's dry and crumbly, you should water; if it feels moist, you should not.

Even with the best of care, there'll come a day when colors fade and leaves drop. This means the plant is ready to rest. And now you must decide whether or not you'd like to keep it and try coaxing it into holiday bloom for next year. Some experts advise against this. Others keep the poinsettia but have quite different methods for taking care of it. This year I tried two different systems and found they both worked. In each method the first step was to gradually withhold water until the soil dried and the leaves withered, then to store the plant in its pot in a cool, dry, dark place until April or May. This I did with two plants, treating each one differently from the time they were taken out of hibernation.

On the first plant I cut back the stalks to about 5 inches, refreshed the top soil in the pot, and watered well. In late May, after danger of frost was past, I sank the pot in garden soil under a high tree in dappled shade. By the end of June, new shoots were quite sturdy. I took cuttings with 2-3 leaves and inserted them in the soil near the parent pots with large glass jars inverted over them. These were rooted and potted in about 5 weeks.

Then plant number 2 was watered and encouraged to grow. I took the first cuttings while the new shoots were only about 2 inches long, cutting about 6 inches of the old stem with the new shoot coming out of it. This was a "hardwood" cutting which took a few weeks longer to root, but since it was made earlier it soon caught up with the other plant's cuttings.

Both old plants and new were nipped out during the summer (but

not after mid-August) to encourage branching. I staked and tied the plants to keep them straight and shapely, kept them moist but not soggy, fertilized mildly every few weeks. Then in September, when the pots were lifted to bring the beauties back indoors for the winter—well, if I hadn't labeled them, no one could have told the difference. Both were flourishing.

Indoors, with proper warmth, humidity, light and protection from drafts, both poinsettias should surely bloom another Christmas. Unless I forget that they will flower only when daylight hours are short—unless I accidentally leave them under a lamp after sundown. But surely I won't, will I?

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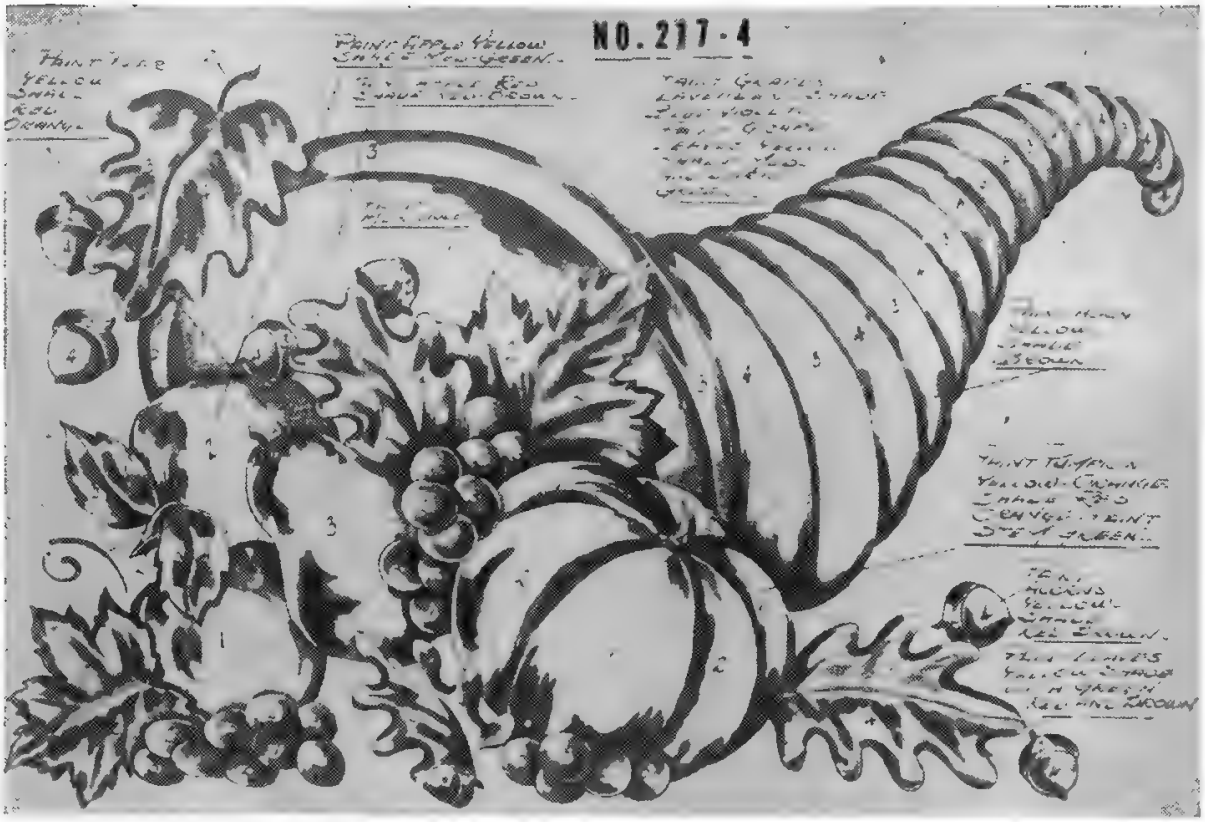

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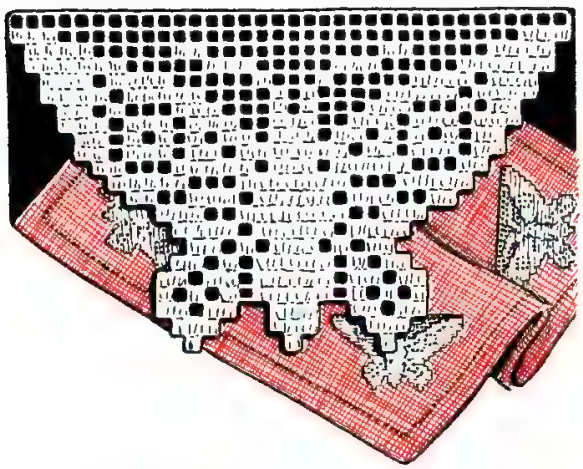


Abbreviations:

ch (chain)	bl (block)
st (stitch)	sl st (slip stitch)
dc (double crochet)	sk (skip)
sp (space)	dec (decrease)
inc (increase)	

Ch 110 sts, turn.

Row 1: Dc in 8th st from hook, * ch 2 , sk 2 sts on ch, dc in next st, repeat from * across. There are 35 sps in this row.

Row 2: Ch 3 (for a dc), turn, 2 dc over ch 2, dc in next dc-(this forms a bl), (2 dc over next ch 2, dc in next dc) twice to form 2 bls, * ch 2, dc in next dc (a sp made), repeat from * 28 times, make a bl in each of the last 3 sps, end with a dc in third st of turning ch.

Row 3: Sl st in each of next 3 sts for a dec, ch 3, now following the chart make the number of sps and bls indicated.

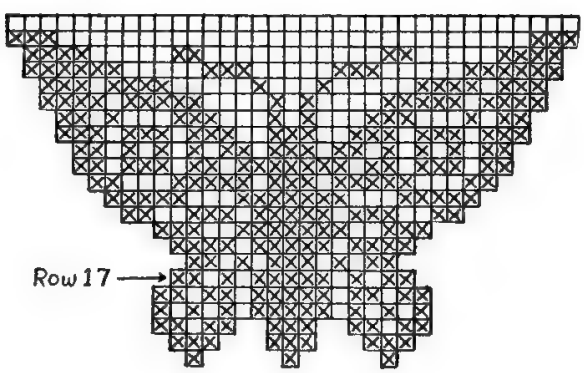
Continue working from chart through row 16.

Row 17: Ch 5, turn, dc in the 4th st from hook, dc in next (5th) st of ch, dc in first dc. This completes the extension bl. Work across row following chart. * At the last bl of row 16, work a dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 3, sl st in top of turning ch of row 16, ch 5, turn, dc in the 4th st from hook, then dc in next (5th) st of ch, sl st in first st of ch 3, turn, sl st in each of last 3 dc.

Row 18: Ch 5, turn, work an extension bl as in row 17. Work across row following chart. Now complete row by making an extension bl in same manner as from * in row 17.

Work 19: Work from chart.

Row 20: This row starts to form the tips of wings and body. Ch 3, turn, make 2 bls, 1 sp, 2 bls, turn. Sl st in each of next 3 dc, ch 3, make 3 bls. Turn, sl st in each of next 3 dc, ch 3, make 1 bl. Fasten off. Join thread to tip of turning ch at opposite side and work in same manner for opposite wing tip.



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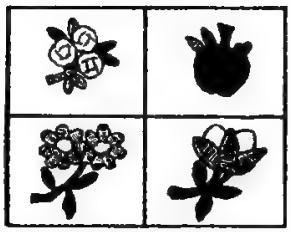

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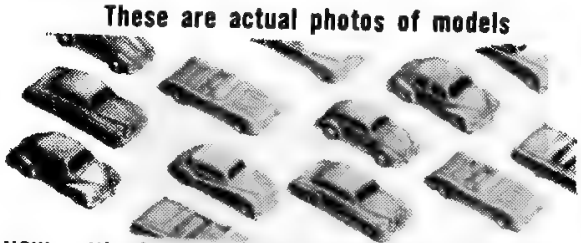

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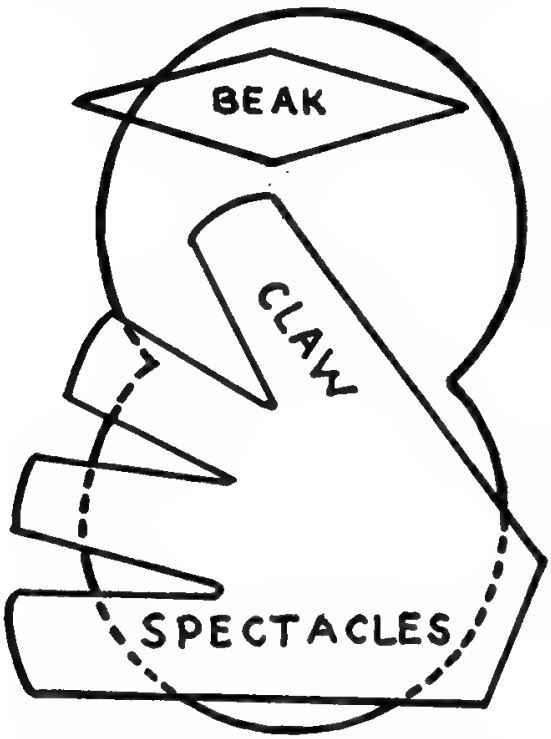
sc, 2 sc in next sc, repeat from * around (24 sc).

Rnd 5: Sc in each sc around, inc 4 sc evenly around (28 sc).

Rnd 6: Sc in each sc around, inc 6 sc evenly around (34 sc).

Rnd 7: Repeat 5th rnd (38 sc).



Rnd 8: Sc in each of next 13 sc, ch 9, turn, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across (ear), sc in each of next 3 sc, inc 1 sc, sc in each of next 4 sc (center front), inc 1 sc, sc in each of next 3 sc on rnd, ch 9, turn, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across (ear), sc in each remaining sc on rnd (40 sc).

Rnd 9: Repeat 6th rnd (46 sc).

Rnds 10 through 17: Sc in each sc around.

Rnds 18, 19: Repeat 5th rnd.

Rnd 20: Repeat 6th rnd (60 sc).

Rnds 21 through 28: Sc in each sc around.

Rnds 29 through 33: Sc in each sc around, dec 4 sc evenly around —to dec 1 sc, work off 2 sc as 1 sc (40 sc at end of 33rd rnd).

Rnd 34: Sc in each sc around to center front, ch 4, sk remaining 20 sc on rnd, sl st in first sc (leg).

Rnd 35: Sc in each sc and in each ch around leg, dec 2 sc.

Rnds 36, 37: Sc in each sc around leg, dec 1 sc.

Rnd 38: Sc in each sc around, dec 5 sc evenly around. Repeat 38th rnd until all sc have been worked off, stuffing body and leg before opening becomes too small. Join yarn and complete other leg to correspond.

Wing (make 2)—Starting at lower edge with brown and number 7 hook, ch 14.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each sc across. Ch 4, turn.

Row 3 and all uneven rows: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch and in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in each sc across. Ch 7, turn.

Row 6: Sc in each sc across. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 8, 9, 10: Sc in each sc across. Ch 2, turn.

Row 11: Repeat third row. Fasten off.

Cut a piece of beige felt a little larger than wing. Sew wing to felt, gathering side edge in to measure 1¾ inches. Sew wing to body, having top edge on 16th rnd. Cut a piece of white felt for spectacles, a piece each of black and pink felt for beak, and 2 pieces of orange felt for claws, following patterns. Cut two ⅝-inch circles of black felt for eyes. Sew pink beak inside black beat. Sew spectacles, eyes, beak and claws in place. With brown, embroider markings in straight stitches as shown in photograph.

Santa's Goodie Sleigh

Elma Waltner

A little cardboard sleigh with candy cane runners is a decoration that will delight the kiddies. Fill the sleigh with popcorn balls and little peanut gnomes which are tucked in among the toothsome load. However the sleigh could hold cookies or greenery and colored balls instead.

Cut two side pieces for the sleigh from corrugated cardboard. The pattern given is to be used with giant size candy canes. If you want to use smaller canes for the runners, the sides should be made smaller. Choose a gay Christmas wrapping paper to cover the side pieces. Spread glue on one side of the cardboard piece and lay it, glue side down, on the wrong side of the wrapping paper. Cut around the outline of the sled side, leaving about half an inch of wrapping paper protruding beyond the edge of the cardboard all around. Snip this paper at half inch intervals. Spread glue on the extended wrapping paper and bring the surplus over the edge of the cardboard and to the back of it, gluing down. Cover the other cardboard in a similar manner. Be sure, however, to cover opposite sides of the two pieces of cardboard to make the two sides of the sled. Photo-

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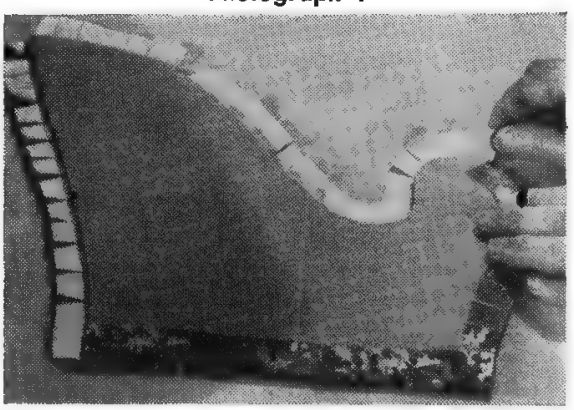
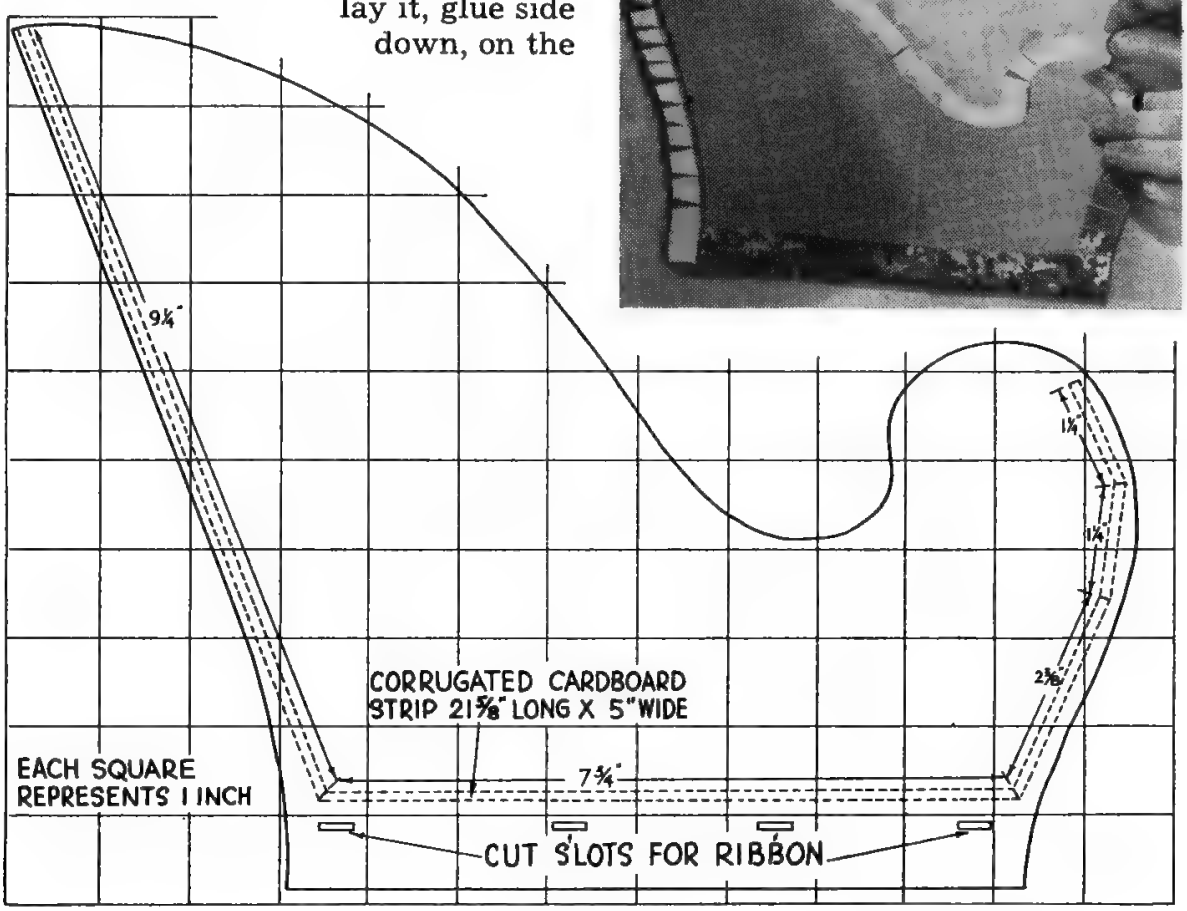
Photograph 1





Sleigh Pattern

Santa's Sleigh

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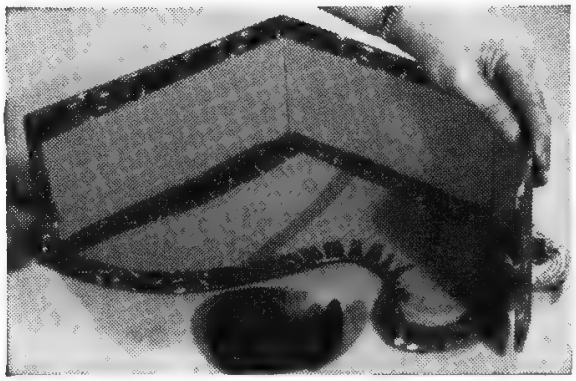
graph 1 shows the covering process.

Cut a strip of corrugated cardboard for the box and crease at the points indicated on the drawing.



Photograph 2

Cover this strip in the same manner as you did the sled sides. Instead of cutting the body strip in one single length you may cut the back, bottom and front pieces separately and tape them together before covering if a long strip of cardboard is not available.

Punch four holes through the cardboard side of the sled and lash the cellophane wrapped candy cane runner to the side of the sled with red ribbon. See Photograph 2.

Next fit the strip which forms the body against one of the side pieces. Tape the two pieces together with cellophane tape. Attach the other side in the same manner, Photograph 3, to complete the little sled.

The gay little gnomes have peanut bodies. Paint the caps and suits with red nail polish. After it has dried put on the features with ink or water colors. The end of the peanut which turns over into a little point is used for the cap. Red pipe cleaners make the arms and legs. They are pushed into holes made in the shell with a darning needle. If you want gnomes with suits of different colors, use water colors to paint the hats and suits, then use clear nail polish over the painted portions to give a nice gloss. Use pipe cleaners to match to make the arms and legs. Colored pipe cleaners with a variety of colors to a

Photograph 3

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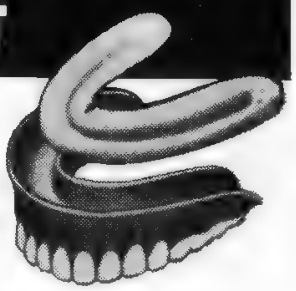

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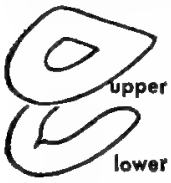

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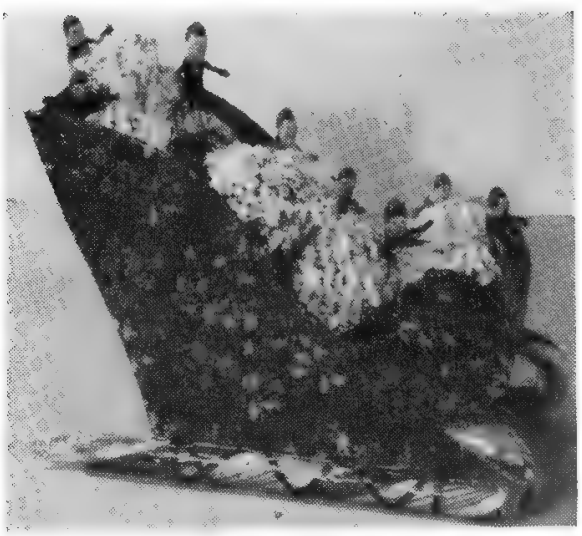

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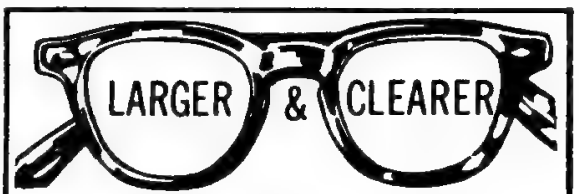

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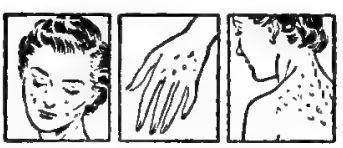

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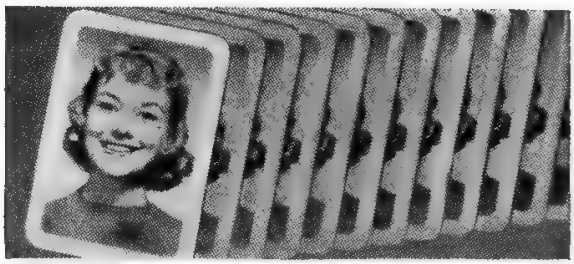

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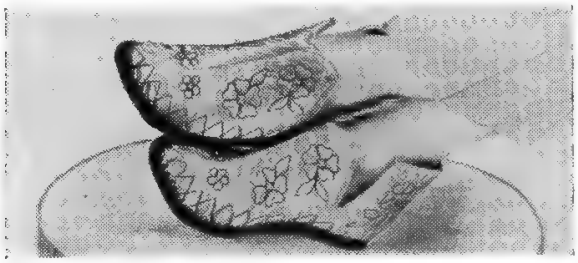

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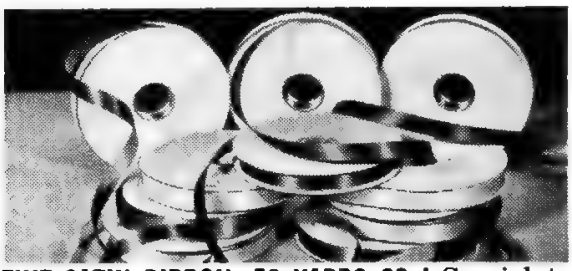

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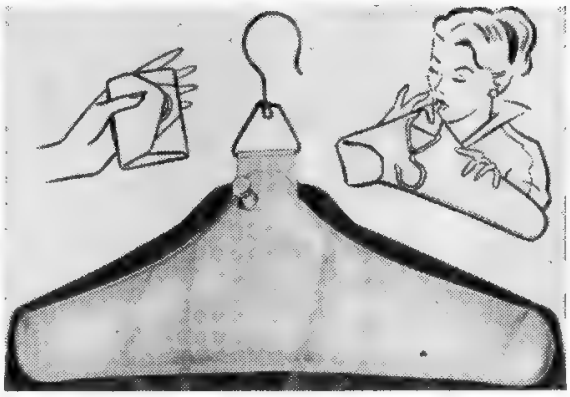

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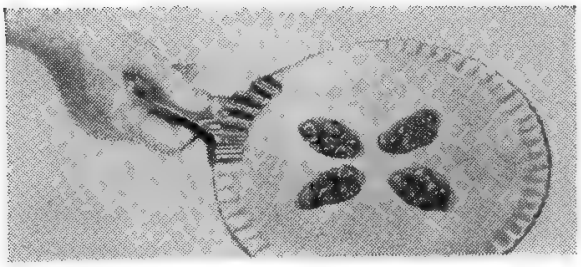

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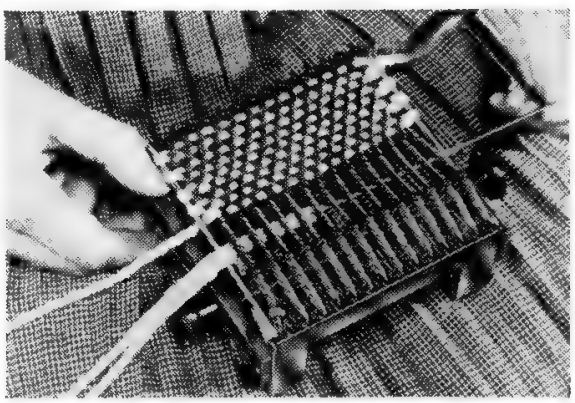

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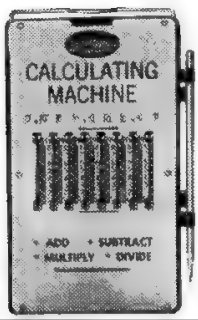

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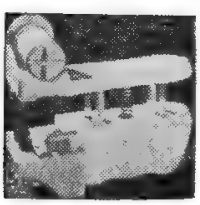

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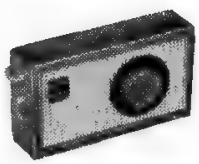

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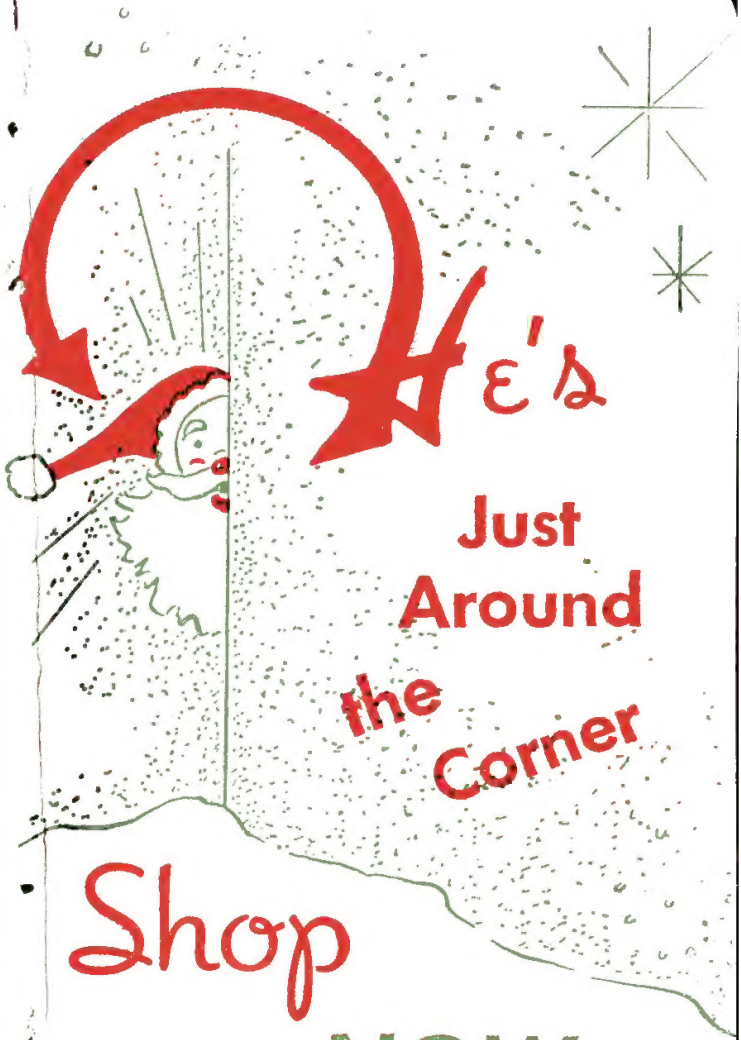

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